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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In Re Application of: Peter Woll

Title: **HYDRAULIC BRAKING SYSTEM OPERATED BY AN EXTERNAL  
FORCE**

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Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT - SECTION 1.97(b)**

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.56, and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.97 and 1.98, applicants' representative hereby submits US Patent & Trademark Office Form PTO-1449. Copies of the references cited therein are submitted for consideration in the examination of the above-referenced patent application. It is respectfully requested that they be made of record, along with whatever references the Examiner may find in the course of a search, should the Examiner consider them material to the subject application.

What is considered to be the closest reference, DE 196 22 726 A1 has been discussed in detail in the introductory part of the application.

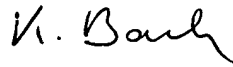
Of the other references, some have been cited during prosecution of the corresponding Austrian application and some have been cited in the international Search Report.

However, the claims have been amended taking these references into consideration.

The references do not disclose that in a hydraulic braking system operated by an external force, for vehicles, in particular motor vehicles, having a primary pressure source which is operated by external energy and provide brake pressure to the wheel brakes during normal operation, and which also has a foot-actuated auxiliary pressure source which supplies the wheel brakes with brake pressure during emergency operation, to increase the degree of safety, a special hydraulic circuit is provided wherein, during emergency operation, only comparatively few valves between the wheel brakes and a hydraulic reservoir have to be closed so as to be free of leakage, while operational safety is increased by the valves being connected in series.

This Statement is hereby submitted under Section 1.97(b) since it is being submitted concurrently with the filing of the above-referenced application.

Respectfully submitted



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